

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST  
MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT

**ROAD CLOSURE**

*National Forest System Road 181/181A/181B/181C and 181D - Moores Flat Road  
For Public Safety and Resource Protection*

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System Roads described in this order, within the administrative boundaries of the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest and the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest. This Order will be in effect December 1, 2010 through May 15, 2011 or until the road use designations are reflected on current Motor Vehicle Use Maps.

1. Using a motorized vehicle on the road (as described below) **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. Private landowners where Forest Road 181 serves as the principle access route to their properties and their agents engaged in private land operations.
5. Snowmobiles operating on snow.

**AREA AND ROAD DESCRIPTION**

**National Forest System (NFS) Road #181** (a.k.a. Moores Flat Road) and spur NFS Roads #181A, 181B, 181C, and 181D are described as being located within Township 1 South, Range 10 East, Section 2; Township 1 North, Range 10 East, Sections 35 and 36; and Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Sections 19, 27-30, Boise Meridian.

These roads are within the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest and the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Boise Meridian, Elmore County, ID.

**PURPOSE**

Reduce resource damage to roads and adjacent meadow lands occurring from use during wet weather.


**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be in effect commencing December 1, 2010 through May 15, 2011.
2. A map identifying the above-described area is attached to and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above-described roads or portions thereof.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mountain Home Ranger District Office, Mountain Home, ID, telephone number 208-587-7961, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4007.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

  
CECILIA R SEESHOLTZ  
Forest Supervisor  
Boise National Forest

Done at Twin Falls, Idaho this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

  
TERRY CLARK - Acting  
Forest Supervisor  
Sawtooth National Forest

**Order Number: 0402-01-31**

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan  
Mountain Home Ranger District – Boise National Forest  
Fairfield Ranger District – Sawtooth National Forest  
Order # 0402-01-31

1. Background. Forest Road 181, being 7.7 miles in length, is experiencing considerable damage from motorized use during early springtime when conditions are wet. This past spring the road was rendered impassible for a period of time due to axle deep ruts in some areas and posed a risk to users. Once conditions dried out the road could only be driven with discretion and remained unsuited to stock trucks and trailers. Additionally, several low spots in the road become boggy when wet causing traffic to divert from the road alignment impacting adjacent meadows. Also affected is connecting Forest Road 181A which is 2.3 miles in length and roads 181B-D being short spurs. These roads are all native surface and are currently classified as a maintenance level II roads open year around. The roads are located on the Boise National Forest, Mountain Home District with road 181 continuing through to the Sawtooth National Forest, Fairfield Ranger District as a secondary route to the Hunter Creek area.

Road 181 transects private lands having livestock operations dependent upon use of the road. The road has recently been repaired, but remains highly susceptible to damage when wet. A temporary seasonal closure on the road would eliminate public safety concerns associated with getting mired in the mud in an isolated area, reduce future damages to the road, help protect the investment in road repairs recently made, and provide an opportunity to assess longer term solutions should they be necessary. Closure dates for roads 181 and 181A-D would be December 1 through May 15, but could be adjusted depending on conditions. A seasonal closure would furthermore provide consistency in use designation with the connecting High Prairie Road No. 168 under the jurisdiction of the Glens Ferry Highway District (GFHD) presently having a seasonal closure designation the dates of which are established annually by the GFHD.

Affected private land owners and the Fairfield District Ranger have been consulted concerning this assessment.

These activities satisfy requirements under 36 CFR 220.6(d) (1) as outlined in FSH 1909.15.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This temporary road closure is for all motorized access, snowmobiles operating on snow excepted, to reduce public safety risks and to prevent recurring resource damage to roads and adjacent meadows.


3. Enforcement Plan. On the ground signing and maintenance of signs would occur to advise the public of temporary road closure. Signs would be posted at the beginning and termini of road 181. A temporary barrier, such as gate, would be installed as deemed necessary and in cooperation with affected private land owners. On site FS administrative personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	10/5/10
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO RO LE&I and OGC	10/28/10
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Order is Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	12/1/10
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel through out the temporary closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:

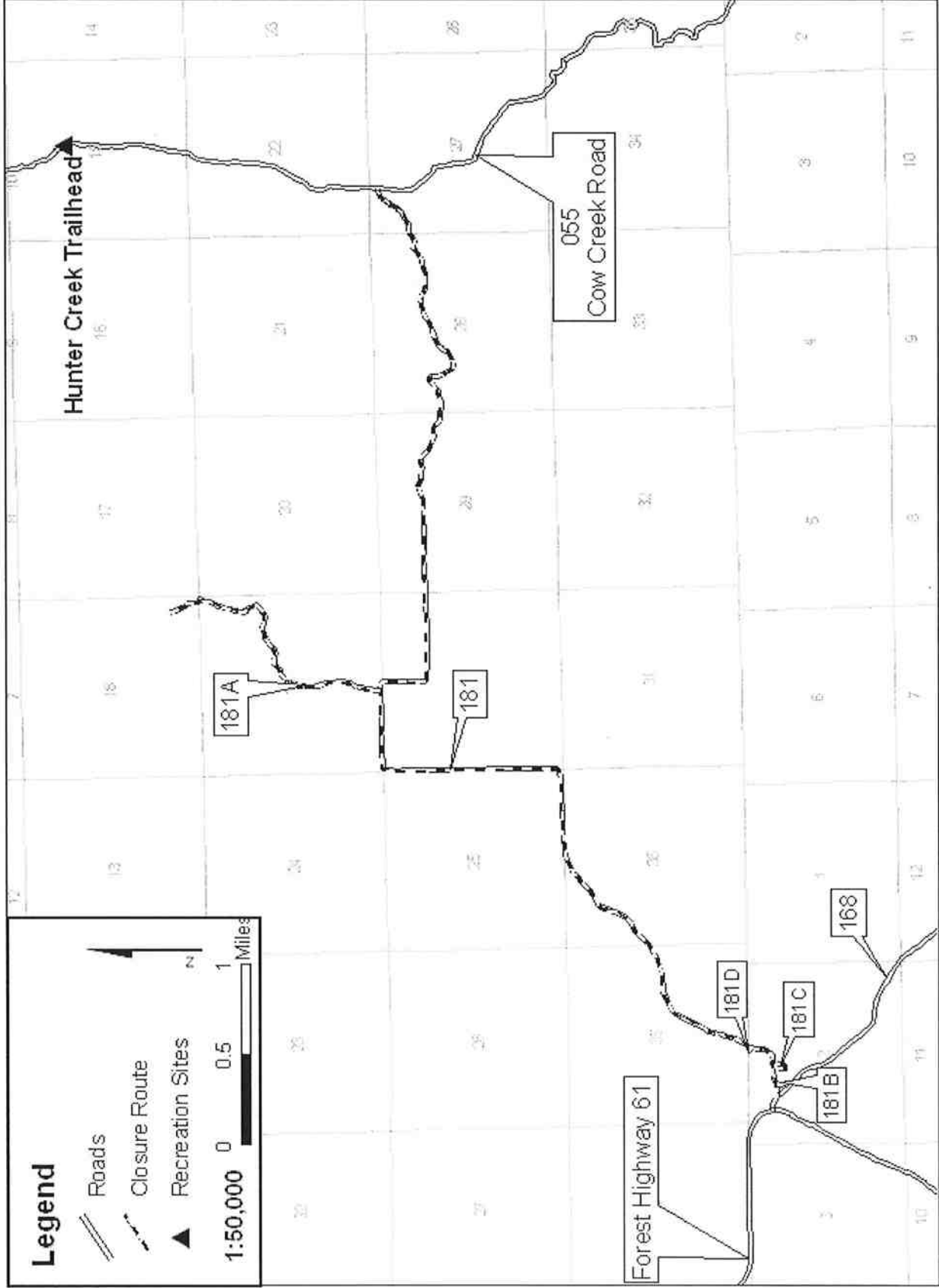
  
 CECILIA R SEESHOLTZ  
 Forest Supervisor  
 Boise National Forest

11-10-10  
 DATE

  
 TERRANCE O CLARK  
 Acting Forest Supervisor  
 Sawtooth National Forest

11-15-2010  
 DATE

# Special Order #0402-01-31 Road 181, 181A, 181B, 181C, and 181D Seasonal Closure



TOWNSHIP 01 N

TOWNSHIP 01 S

RANGE 10 E

RANGE 11 E